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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Gregory John Binda

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicants: Ryouichi TOKIOKA et al.

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PETITION FOR
ONE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME

December 22, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the period for replying to the Office Action August 21, 2009, be extended for one month under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The applicable extension fee of \$130.00 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is submitted herewith.

Should any additional fees be required please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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